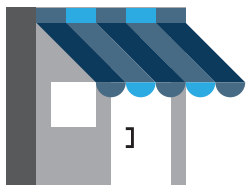


Barclays Purchasing Managers' Index: August 2016

The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is a reliable monthly gauge of manufacturing activity and an early indicator of underlying economic activity in South Africa. The index is based on surveyed responses to a number of questions, including new sales orders, employment and purchasing prices. #BarclaysPMI

The Barclays Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) declined by 6.2 index points to reach 46.3 in August 2016. The drop was somewhat surprising after the PMI remained above the neutral 50-point mark during the preceding five months.



Business activity

The Business Activity Index fell further below the neutral 50-point mark in August. The index declined to 44.8, which is almost 10 points below where it was just two months ago.



Purchasing commitments



July **44.7**
Aug **46.2**



New sales orders



July **54.4**
Aug **42.5**



Expected business conditions



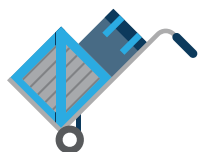
July **55.4**
Aug **61.5**



Purchasing price



July **72.1**
Aug **64.8**



Suppliers' performance



July **52.9**
Aug **51.2**



Backlog of sales orders



July **35.9**
Aug **34.6**



Inventories



July **53.4**
Aug **45.2**



Employment



July **52.6**
Aug **50.6**